

City of Takoma Park
THE MONTGOMERY COLLEGE NEIGHBORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2005

The City of Takoma Park Montgomery College Neighbors Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, June 14th, 2005 in the Provost's Office Conference Room on the Montgomery College Campus, Takoma Park, Maryland.

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| Members Present: | Bernard Aronson, Paul Chrostowski, Arlene Markowicz, Lorraine Pearsall, Frances Phipps, Richard Weil, Morelyn Weisman |
| Members Absent: | James Evans, Stacey Gurian-Sherman |
| Staff Present: | Ilona Blanchard, Senior Planner |
| Others Present: | Joy Austin-Lane, Councilmember, Brad Stewart, Vice President/Provost, Howard Stanley, Director of Facilities, Jennie Wells, Provost's Office Staff, David Capp, Chief of Facilities |

1. Introductions

Joy Austin-Lane, Councilmember, began the meeting at 6 PM. All present introduced themselves. Brad Stewart, the new Campus Provost, spoke briefly about his goal to ensure that Montgomery College is of the community and not just in the community.

2. Update

David Capp, the Chief of Facilities, gave a brief history of the College from the facilities perspective, reviewing past decisions, such as the one to expand into Silver Spring and not the neighborhood, and not to build in the park.

He also updated the committee on the status of several projects: The College acquired the Giant property with College and Council funding (2/3, 1/3). A challenge that he sees is to get the Silver Spring side of campus to work with the Takoma Park campus stylistically and physically (parking, etc).

Construction: The student center may be completed in January/February but the College will not move in until late spring and early summer, before fall

registration. The Cultural Arts Center at Georgia Avenue and East-West Highway is being designed by the Smith group (Discovery Center's firm). They will be doing design & sector studies on that area to begin construction Summer 06. The King Street project is at the 80% construction document level and will be funded with College funds. It is expected to have a two-year construction period.

The Commons building, located at the corner of New York Avenue and Takoma Avenue is also scheduled to have the interior renovated. As part of this next phase of campus renovation, the campus will have consultants do a pedestrian flow study - not sure who will be doing the study yet, several firms have expressed interest but the contract has not been allocated. In the past the College has elected to go through MNCPPC's Mandatory Referral process. In addition to the referral process the design would be presented for feedback to the Norht Takoma neighborhood association and the City Council.

Buses: The new Student Center does have a bus pull-in on Fenton Avenue. Once it is completed, the buses will load and wait in this pull-in rather than on New York Avenue.

Question: Will it turn around at Takoma Metro? When will it change to hybrid?

Question (to College): Please keep us updated on direction of security - specifically bridge to Silver Spring (this is closed during the late evening/early morning hours).

Request: Appreciate funding and timing issues, but feel it is important that the Committee participate early on in the conceptualization of campus changes.

Master Plan: The Master Plan is on the College's website.

The members of the Committee expressed an interest in sharing ideas, helping the College lobby for funds, talking to the board and other political functions.

Name Change: The College will be changing the name of the campus - Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus.

3. Discussion

Staff handed out draft bylaws for review by the Committee. These are to be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Next Meeting

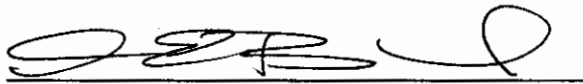
The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 12 at 6 PM in the Provost's Office Conference room. Generally, the Committee will meet quarterly. David

Capp will present the Master Plan. In addition the Committee would like to receive an update on the Commons renovation, an update on the buses, and a construction time

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ilona Blanchard', written over a horizontal line.

Ilona Blanchard, Senior Planner